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The Chronicle of Tuesday evening still flounders about on the land

question. It says: "The matter of booming Nevada. so suddenly introduced by the railroad organs in this part of the State, seems to have been quickly squelched since the Chronicle showed how utterly impossible such a scheme would be while the railroad corporations owned nearly every foot of land within our boundaries that could be placed under cultivation, These journalistic trucklers, have, instead, struck a new lead, and now advocate the reclamation of our vast desert lands by means of artesian wells for irrigation. This is something to be considered, of course; but how is the ordinary immigrant to find the means to experiment in the sinking for water? Nothing but money can accomplish such a result, and the immigrant is therefore again shut out."

It is almost impossible to argue with a journal which knows so little about the State in which it is published, as does the Virginia Chroniele.

The editor seems to have spent his entire life on the Comstock. and if he ever visited any other part of the State he seems to have forgotten what he saw.

Admitting that the railroad owns a large number of acres in this State, it does not own one hundredth part of the good lands of Nevada. There are a million of acres of excellent land in Nevada not owned by the road. There are a million of acres of good land in Nevada not yet taken up.

The road is selling its land for \$5.20 an acre, and it is as good as sells in California for \$100.

The statement that the Nevada papers have only just begun to advocate State development is not true of the APPEAL. It has advocated it for years, and it advocated it before the Chronicle was ever heard of.

The Chronicle editor will do a good thing by coming down to the State Land Office some day and learning of Surveyor General Preble some facts and figures regarding the land in Nevada.

-Kentucky is finding diamonds it is alleged. These diamonds are in regular beds just the same as in South America. Kentucky is a land of wonders. It has the Mammoth Cave, and the Prohibitionists rule Bourbon county under the local option law. The diamond story reminds us that Slack and Arnold who caused the diamond excitement some ten or twelve years ago, reside in Kentucky. That pair of diamond finders may be cropping out again.

-The Southern Pacific Railroad Company offers a permanent annual premium of \$250 to the exhibitor at the Sacramento Citrus Fair who can show the best results in demonstrating the capacity of Central and Northern California for producing citrus fruits. Exhibitors who have grown such fruits for merely ornamental purposes are excluded. Only those can compete who are making a practical trial.

-Every day or two we hear of some labor organization passing resolutions that the Chicago hell hounds who threw dynamite bombs into a crowd, did not have a fair trial. How much chance did they give the men whom they killed in this infamous manner? The labor organizations which sympathizes with these murderers are only put ting organized labor in bad odor with the whole community.

-The Democratic newspapers says the President's message is a noble document, the Republican newspapers say the message is hog wash, or something like it, and none of the editors have really read that message. - Grass Valley Tidings.

We doubt very much if the Presidenterer has.

-The police officers of San Franeisco have offered a reward of \$1,000 te any outsider who furnishes information which may lead to the capture and conviction of the assailant of officer Osgood. Osgood in still in a critical condition, but strong hopes are now entertained of his recovery.



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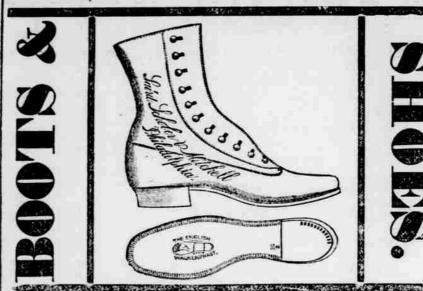
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